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Contents server 12 enables customer 2 and/or editor 4 to input information based on the information recorded in homepage contents 11, and sends information to customer 2 and/or editor 4. Printing information database 13 records, according to the ID number of customer 2, a document having text, images and pictures inputted by customer 2 from the customer terminal via computer network 3 in accordance with the instructions given by contents server 12.

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When the above selections have been made, contents server 12 notifies editor 4 that the cost estimate request has been inputted (S4). Editor 4 is notified, via e-mail, of receipt of the cost estimate request, and the editor makes cost estimate (S5). The cost estimate made by the editor then is sent to customer 2 from the editor terminal via contents server 12 in a form of e-mail as shown in Fig. 6 (S6). The e-mail containing the cost estimate made by the editor also contains a customer ID and a customer password which are necessary for customer 2 to access to the document having text, images and pictures located in contents server 12. Unlike other printing services, this service does not offer substantial "volume discounts" based on the size of the document to be printed or the quantity of the documents to be printed. For this reason, editor 4 can quote an exceptionally low cost for both high volume orders and for small orders attracting both high volume customers and low

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For example, in Fig. 9, "try-extaro" has sent a document having text, images and pictures under filename "a" in a HTML format; column "From" shows "try-extaro", column "File Name" shows "a.htm". Editor 4 retrieves the document having text, images and pictures and then edits the received document having text, images and pictures (S14). The edited document having text, images and pictures is inputted to file management server 14 by editor 4, and then sends the edited document having text, images and pictures to the finished manuscript database 15 (S15). Other embodiments include the steps of editing the document having text, images and pictures sent by the customer by editor 4 (S14-1), submitting the edited version to the customer for further revisions and proofreading (S14-2), having the customer proofread said document (S14-3), having the customer resubmit the proofread document back to the print agency (14-4), and then performing a second editing by the editor 4 (S14-5) before the document is stored in the finalized document database 15. If no editing job is necessary, the document having text, images and pictures received by editor 4 can be sent to finalized document database 15 from printing information database 13 as a finalized document having text, images and pictures.

Please amend paragraph 0048 to read:

Referring to Fig. 12 and the second embodiment of the present invention, the elements illustrated in Fig. 12 bearing the same reference numeral numbers as the elements illustrated in Fig.

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1, perform the same functions as the elements illustrated in Fig. 1 bearing the same reference numeral numbers found in Fig. 12. As to the reference numeral numbers not found in Fig. 1, that is, 2-1 ~ 2-n, this represents a plural number of customers and 5-1 ~ 5-n represents a plural number of output devices which are connected to computer network 3, with which the document having text, images and pictures provided by the customers are recorded, via the on-demand printing support system, on the printing medium desired by the customers via network printing. As explained in the first embodiment above, output devices 5-1 through 5-n can be toner-type digital printer 51 which electronically gathers pages in order, CD-ROM printing machine 52, ink-jet type printer 53, magneto-optical disk read/write machine 54, *etc.* Devices to be included in output device 5 may be one of the following: toner-type digital printer 51 which electronically gathers pages in order, CD-ROM printing machine 52, ink-jet type printer 53, magneto-optical disk read/write machine 54, *etc.*

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As shown in Fig. 12, "1 through n" shown next to numeral number 2 corresponds to the same number "1 through n" which appears next to 5. For example, output device 5-1 is used for recording the document having text, images and pictures on a desired printing medium desired by customer 2-1, output device 5-2 is used for recording the document having text, images and pictures on a desired printing medium desired by customer 2-2, and output device 5-n is used for recording the document having text, images and pictures on a desired printing medium desired by customer 2-n. This is an example of network printing. As output devices are located nearby their customers for their convenience, if customer 2-1 is located in the Hokkaido region in Japan, output device 5-1 is

also located in the Hokkaido region in Japan. Similarly, if customer 2-2 is located in the Kyushu region in Japan, output device 2-2 is also located in the Kyushu region in Japan. Likewise, a customer can be located in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, London, Seoul, etc. As a result, output devices will be located at these various locales around the world for the convenience of the customer. It may be necessary for a set of output devices (toner type digital printer, CD-ROM printing device, ink-jet type printer and magnetic optical disk read/write device) to be located at each of these locales. These output devices must be regularly maintained as they must be loaded with the various sizes, colors and quality of paper at all times in order to print any and all orders received by the printing agency.

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Please amend paragraph 0050 to read:

Referring now to Fig. 13, Fig. 13 is a flow diagram for the second embodiment of the present invention. In Fig. 13, the elements illustrated in Fig. 13 bear the same step numbers as the elements illustrated in Fig. 2 and perform the same functions as the step numbers illustrated in Fig. 1. With respect to the step numbers (S18) which is not illustrated in Fig. 2, when file management server 14 records the finalized document having text, images and pictures in finalized document database 15, the edited document having text, images and pictures in conjunction with the control information in controlled information database 16 are output by output controller 17 after editor 4 selects an output device (S21). Editor 4 then selects an output device which is located nearest the customer. For example, if the document having text, images and pictures is provided by customer 2-1, then editor 4 selects output device 5-1, and if the document having text, images and pictures is provided

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by customer 2-2, editor 4 selects output device 5-2. Upon selection of an output device, output controller 17 outputs, in accordance with the instructions provided by editor 4 (S17), the edited document having text, images and pictures to the selected output device (S22). The selected output device records the document having text, images and pictures on the recording medium desired by the customer (bound printed material or CD-ROM) (S19), and the finished products are shipped to the customer 2 by mail or other delivery means (S20).

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The aforesaid computer system includes hardware and software, such as OS or peripheral devices. When the WWW (World Wide Web) system is used, homepage providing environment (or, display environment) is also included. Also, the aforesaid computer readable recording medium are memory devices stored in a computer system, such as floppy disks, magneto-optical disks, ROMs, CD-ROMs, or storage devices. Further, the aforesaid computer readable recording medium includes transmission media or transmission wave, for example, which keeps the programs actively for a short time as transmitting the programs via computer networks, such as Internet, and communication lines, such as telephone lines. Also, volatile memory installed inside a computer system which is to be a server or a client, for example, may be included in the aforesaid computer readable recording medium, which keeps the programs for a certain time.